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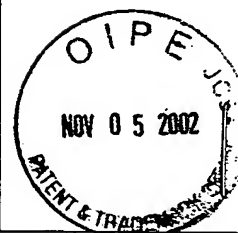
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 10.

Line 13, "wherein the pulsed" -- wherein the pulse --.

Line 47, "generated pulse it an" -- generated pulse at an --.

Line 50, "the Input/Output pull-up" -- the Input/Output pull-up --.



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[54] METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A PULSE

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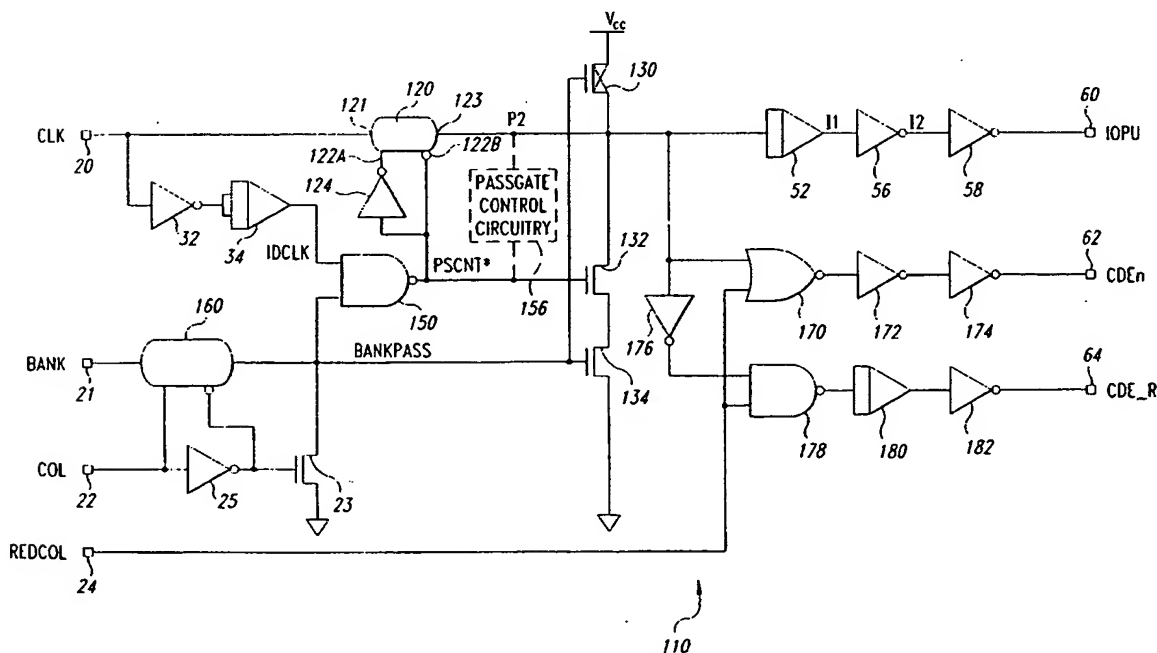
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[57] ABSTRACT

A circuit for generating a pulse with minimal delay after receiving a trigger signal includes a passgate, a gating circuit, and a reset circuit. The passgate is enabled by control signals received at the gating circuit having a trigger signal as one of the control signals. The trigger signal is also presented as an input to the passgate. When enabled, the passgate propagates the trigger signal to an output. A predetermined time after the trigger signal appears at the passgate input, a passgate control signal is turned off, thereby preventing the trigger signal from further passing through the passgate. The reset circuit is then turned on, which pulls the signal at the output of the passgate to a reference voltage, ending the pulse. Once the pulse is generated, it can be rectified and further combined with other signals to produce signals used in other parts of the circuit.

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OFFER TO SURRENDER THE ORIGINAL PATENT

Sir:

Roderic W. Lewis, Vice President of Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Assignee of the entire interest in U.S. Letters Patent No. 6,026,496 which is entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A PULSE and issued on February 15, 2000, to Micron Technology, Inc., hereby offers to surrender said Letters Patent.

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